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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE (S/NM)

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SUBJ: TURKISH OPIUM BAN RESCISSION

REF: (A) STATE 152051; (B) GENEVA 4434; (C) ANKARA 5561

1. FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OUR EFFORTS TO DATE, PURSUANT
REF A, TO PROMOTE UN ACTION TO HELP COPE WITH PROBLEMS
ARISING FROM RESCISSION TURKISH OPIUM BAN.

2. INCB SECRETARY DITTERT, WHO ENTIRELY AGREES WITH
COUSE OF ACTION ENVISAGED REF A, HAS BEEN ABLE PERSUADE
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BOARD PRESIDENT REUTER TO SEE KIRCA AT LUNCH JULY 19 WITH

VIEW PROMOTING REUTER'S BEING RECEIVED ANKARA SOONEST BY ECEVIT AND/OR GUNES. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE FORMALLY TO REITERATE STAND REUTER ALREADY TOOK WITH KIRCA (REF B), NAMELY, THAT FOR GOT TO RESUME OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION ON SCALE ENVISAGED RECENT DRCREE WOULD ENSURE TURKEY'S AGAIN BECOMING MAJOR CENTER OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC; THAT ONLY WAY AVOID SUCH DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE FOR GOT TO ESTABLISH, TEST AND PUT INTO EFFECT ADEQUATE CONTROLS, TO CURTAIL SUBSTANTIALLY AREAS OF CULTIVATION, AND TO POSTPONE SOWING. REUTER WOULD PLAN SUGGEST THAT IF TURKISH AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED ACCEPT THIS GENERAL APPROACH, BEST WAY PROCEED WOULD BE FOR THEM REQUEST UN SEND SIR HARRY GREENFIELD TO TURKEY TO NEGOTIATE DETAILS ON BASIS OF WHICH EFFECTIVE UN ASSISTANCE COULD BE UNDERTAKEN AND TO ELABORATE SPECIFICS SUCH ASSISTANCE WITH VIEW EXPEDITING TURKEY'S ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEQUATE CONTROL SYSTEM. (IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DITTERT, GREENFIELD HAS INDICATED HE WOULD BE PREPARED UNDERTAKE ASSIGNMENT OF KIND ENVISAGED.)

3. REUTER ALSO HAS IN MIND SENDING MEMO TO UNFIDAC'S ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARTENS OR POSSIBLY TO SYG, WITH COPY TO KIRCE, INDICATING HIS VIEW THAT ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY COULD NOT EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEQUATE CONTROL/ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM IN ABSENCE OF GOT AGREEMENT SUBSTANTIALLY CUT BACK POPPY ACERAGE. EXACT TERMS OF MEMO ARE TO BE DECIDED FOLLOWING REUTER'S JULY 19 TALK WITH KIRCA.

4. REUTER SAYS HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT GOT WILL AGREE PROCEED IN MANNER THAT WILL PERMIT REASONABLE CHANCE TURKEY'S AVOIDING BECOMING MAJOR CENTER OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC. HE BELIEVES THAT WITHIN FEW MONTHS SITUATION WILL BE SUCH THAT INCB WILL NEED TAKE ESCALATING ACTION AGAINST TURKEY, INCLUDING RECOMMENDING DRUG EMBARGO. HE IS CONCERNED THAT ANY ROLE HE PLAYS NOW SHOULD IN NO WAY IMPEDE BOARD'S SUBSEQUENT ABILITY TAKE STRONGEST POSSIBLE ACTION AVAILABLE TO IT UNDER TREATIES. HE VIEWS HIS RENEWED EFFORT WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE TO CONSTITUTE STEP IN CHAIN OF ESCALATION.

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5. ADDRESSEES SHOULD KNOW THAT REUTER, WHILE PREPARED CONTINUE WORK CLOSELY WITH USG TO ACHIEVE COMMON OBJECTIVES, IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE ABOUT APPEARING TO BE ACTING AT USG'S BEHEST (HE USED WORD "PUPPET"). ACCORDINGLY, WE URGE THAT PUBLIC STATEMENTS RE TURKISH SITUATION SHOULD NOT REFER TO POSSIBLE ROLE OF INCB AS SUCH. REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE RATHER TO USG'S RELIANCE ON "COMPETENT UN ORGAN". IN VIEW SENSITIVITIES WE ALSO REQUEST THAT MESSAGES RELATING OUR

TALKS WITH BOARD ON TURKISH QUESTION BE GIVEN MINIMAL
DISTRIBUTION WITHIN USG.

6. IN VIEW CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES RE IDENTITY AND TERMS OF
REFERENCE OF EXPERT(S) TO BE SENT BY UN TO TURKEY, SUGGEST
USG DEFER RESPONDING TO MICUTA'S SUGGESTION THAT US. EXPERT
FAMILIAR WITH TURKISH CONTROL SITUATION COME GENEVA.

7. WE WILL REPORT SOONEST RE REUTER'S JULY 19 CONVERSATION
WITH KIRCA. IF ALL GOES WELL AND TURKS (A) RECEIVE REUTER/
DITTERT, AND/OR (B) REQUEST SERVICES OF GREENFIELD, WE
WOULD PLAN SUGGEST THAT LATTER PURSUE ALTERNATE PRODUCTION
POSSIBILITIES, WITH ACCENT ON BRACTEATUM AS ENVISAGED PARA 11
OF REF A.

9. REUTER/DITTERT HAVE APPOINTMENT SEE MARTENS ASAP FOLLOWING
HIS RETURN FROM LEAVE JULY 22 TO PROMOTE COORDINATION ACTION.

10. FURTHER REPORT FOLLOWS ASAP. DALE UNQTE INGERSOLL

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